years and for females 63 years. Indian Airlines offers 50% discount on normal economy class fare to these Senior Citizens. Air India offers a discount of 25% to senior citizens for travel from India to USA/UK/Europe during the lean period.

(b) and (c) Both the airlines follow the industry practice of optimizing yield management in each flight. However, Indian Airlines offers a minimum of 10 seats to concessional fare paying passengers, on first come first serve basis. At times there is more demand for concessional class seats than the allocated seats, resulting in a wait list in the concessional class. Depending upon the pattern of the flight, the number of seats for the concessional passengers are increased to as much as 50 or more on many flights. In Air India passengers paying higher fares have priority of confirmation than passengers having concessional tickets.

Aircrafts with IA and AI

4656. SHRI M. V. RAJ ASEKHARAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

the number of aircrafts which are in operation in Air India, age-wise details;

the number of aircrafts which are in operation in Indian Airlines, age-wise details;

the number of sectors which are in profit and the number of sectors which are in loss in domestic airlines; and

the details of profit/loss sectors of Air India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NADC) : (a) and (b) Details are as under :

Type of Aircraft	No. of Aircraft	Average Age(Yrs)
AIR INDIA		
B 747-200	4	23.32
B 747-300	2	14.47
A 310-300	17	14.07
B 747-400	7	14.18

Contd.

Type of Aircraft	No. of Aircraft	Average Age(Yrs)
INDIAN AIRLINES		
A-300	3	21.5
A-320	30	11.7
B-737	11	21.6
DO-228	2	17.8
ATR-42 (Leased)	4	8.8
A-300 (Leased)	2	18.4
A-320 (Leased)	7	10.6

Indian Airlines, including its wholly owned subsidiary Alliance Air, earned a cash profit on 50 services and incurred a cash loss on 56 services, on its domestic network during the period from April to September, 2002.

All routes generate cash surplus except Guwahati-Bangkok and some domestic hub and spoke operations which connect interior airports to international flights from main gateway airports.

Purchase of aircrafts from Ilyshin Avaition

4657 SHRI KB. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

whether Air India is considering an offer from Ilyushin Aviation of Russia for its fleet expansion;

whether Air India is still undecided on the earlier offers of Boeing and Airbus Industries',

whether the Ilyushin has offered a comparably version of A-340 (Airbus) and B-777 (Boeing) at a price cheaper by 30%; and

whether Ilyushin aircrafts are in service with any international carrier other than Aeroflot of Russia ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) No offer has been received from Ilyushin Aviation Company of Russia for evaluation of its Aircraft.